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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(2), Applicants submit the art listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, along with a copy of the referenced art, and note that fees are believed to be due in

connection with this filing. Applicants submit this Information Disclosure Statement in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(2), as Applicants are filing this Information Disclosure Statement before the mailing date of a final action under § 1.113, a notice of allowance under § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and it is accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.17(p).

Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the art listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of this art is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that this art is material to patentability of the present application or that a search has been made.

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The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449, as indicated. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner then return to the undersigned a copy of the initialed

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